



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

June 27, 2000

William A. Gillon
National Cotton Council
1918 N. Parkway
P.O. Box 820285
Memphis, TN 38182-0285

RE: MUR 4997
National Cotton Council for the
Advancement of Cotton and
William R. Tracey, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Gillon:

On June 20, 2000, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your clients' behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Karen W. White

Karen W. White
Paralegal Specialist

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
)	MUR 4997
National Cotton Council Committee for the)	
Advancement of Cotton and William R.)	
Tracy, as treasurer)	

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that the National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton and William R. Tracy, as treasurer, ("Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is not an authorized committee of any candidate.

2. William R. Tracy is the treasurer of National Cotton Council Committee for the Advancement of Cotton.

3. In any calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, all political committees that choose not to file on a monthly basis shall file quarterly reports which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

4. Respondents opted to file quarterly reports for the 1998 calendar year.

5. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), Respondents' 1998 July Quarterly Report was due on July 15, 1998. Respondents filed the July Quarterly Report on September 18, 1998, 65 days late, disclosing receipts of \$23,721.97 and disbursements of \$38,232.25.

V. Respondents failed to file timely the 1998 July Quarterly Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of One Thousand, Fifty Dollars (\$1,050), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.


IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

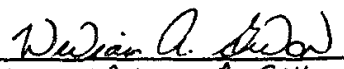
BY:


Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Date

6/26/00

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Name: William A. Gillon
Position: General Counsel

Date

May 25, 2000